

Message Text

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 01 SEOUL 05562 200852Z

10
ACTION PPT-01

INFO OCT-01 EA-07 ISO-00 SCA-01 L-03 CIAE-00 /013 W
----- 072523

P R 200822Z JUL 76
FM AMEMBASSY SEOUL
TO SECSTATE WASHDC PRIORITY 8377
INFO AMEMBASSY TOKYO

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE SEOUL 5562

EO 11652: N/A
TAGS: PINT, KS
SUBJECT: TENTH SESSION MYONGDONG AFFAIR TRIAL

REF: SEOUL 5318

BEGIN SUMMARY: DEFENSE COMPLETED CROSS EXAMINATION OF
DEFENDANTS DURING TENTH SESSION. ELEVENTH SESSION ON
JULY 24 WILL BE DEVOTED TO DISCUSSION OF POLICE INVE-
STIGATION REPORTS AND 300 PAGE PROSECUTION SUMMARY.
WIVES CONTINUED BOYCOTT OF TRIAL AND DID NOT APPEAR AT
COURTHOUSE. END SUMMARY.

1. DEFENSE LAWYERS COMPLETED CROSS EXAMINATION OF
DEFENDANTS DURING TENTH SESSION WITH QUESTIONING OF
CATHOLIC PRIEST FATHER SIN HYON-PONG OF WONJU, NDP
NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMAN DR. CHONG IL-HYONG AND HIS WIFE,
THE NOTED WOMAN LAWYER YI TAE-YONG.

2. CROSS EXAMINATION OF FATHER SIN CENTERED ON DISCUSSION
OF CHARGES BROUGHT AGAINST HIM FOR SERMON HE PREACHED
AT WONJU IN JANUARY AND STATEMENT DISTRIBUTED AT
SAME SERVICE WHICH CRITICIZED GOVERNMENT POLICIES AND
DEFENDED KIM CHI-HA'S CONTENTION HE NOT COMMUNIST. WONJU
MEETING ALLEGED BY GOVERNMENT TO BE PRECURSOR TO MARCH 1
SERVICE. FATHER SIN DENIED CHARGE THAT HE SPREAD FALSE
RUMORS OR DISTORTED TRUTH IN HIS STATEMENT. DR. CHONG IL-
HYONG AND HIS WIFE DENIED THEY INTENDED TO AGITATE OVER-
LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

PAGE 02 SEOUL 05562 200852Z

THROW OF GOVERNMENT WITH MARCH 1 DECLARATION BUT STAUNCHLY

DEFENDED POSITION THAT ONLY WAY TO COMBAT COMMUNISM IS TO RESTORE DEMOCRACY TO KOREA. IN FINAL APPEAL TO COURT THAT BROUGHT APPLAUSE FROM AUDIENCE, YI TAE-YONG ARGUED THAT GOVERNMENT OVERLY CONCERNED WITH NATIONAL SECURITY TO THE NEGLECT OF INTERNATIONAL DIPLOMACY WHICH COSTING COUNTRY THE SUPPORT OF ITS FRIENDS. SHE ALSO CITED U.S. SCHOLAR ROBERT SCALAPINO TO SUPPORT HER ASSERTION THAT PARK'S DOMESTIC POLICIES ALIENATING U.S. SHE SAID SCALAPINO TOLD HER DURING HIS RECENT VISIT TO KOREA THAT ONE OF MAJOR DETERMINANTS IN DECISION OF USG TO SUPPORT OTHER COUNTRIES LAY IN AREA OF SHARED POLITICAL VALUES.

3. AT END OF SESSION, PRESIDING JUDGE ACCEPTED AS EVIDENCE VOLUMINOUS POLICE REPORT ON CASE AND 300 PAGE PROSECUTOR'S SUMMARY OF FINDINGS. JUDGE INSTRUCTED DEFENSE LAWYERS TO STUDY REPORTS, PARTICULARLY PROSECUTOR'S SUMMARY BEFORE NEXT SESSION IN ORDER TO BE ABLE TO RESPOND. DEFENSE ARGUED THAT WITH NEXT SESSION ONLY FEW DAYS AWAY THERE WAS INSUFFICIENT TIME TO ANALYZE THE REPORTS BUT AGREED TO TRY.

4. WIVES OF DEFENDANTS CONTINUED TO BOYCOTT TRIAL AND REMAINED AT NATIONAL COUNCIL OF CHURCHES (NCCK) BUILDING FOR MOST OF DAY.
SNEIDER

LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

NNN

Message Attributes

Automatic Decaptioning: X
Capture Date: 01 JAN 1994
Channel Indicators: n/a
Current Classification: UNCLASSIFIED
Concepts: POLITICAL PRISONERS, TRIALS, RELIGIOUS GROUPS
Control Number: n/a
Copy: SINGLE
Draft Date: 20 JUL 1976
Decaption Date: 01 JAN 1960
Decaption Note:
Disposition Action: RELEASED
Disposition Approved on Date:
Disposition Authority: BoyleJA
Disposition Case Number: n/a
Disposition Comment: 25 YEAR REVIEW
Disposition Date: 28 MAY 2004
Disposition Event:
Disposition History: n/a
Disposition Reason:
Disposition Remarks:
Document Number: 1976SEOUL05562
Document Source: CORE
Document Unique ID: 00
Drafter: n/a
Enclosure: n/a
Executive Order: N/A
Errors: N/A
Film Number: D760278-0721
From: SEOUL
Handling Restrictions: n/a
Image Path:
ISecure: 1
Legacy Key: link1976/newtext/t19760740/aaaabjcq.tel
Line Count: 86
Locator: TEXT ON-LINE, ON MICROFILM
Office: ACTION PPT
Original Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Original Handling Restrictions: n/a
Original Previous Classification: n/a
Original Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Page Count: 2
Previous Channel Indicators: n/a
Previous Classification: LIMITED OFFICIAL USE
Previous Handling Restrictions: n/a
Reference: 76 SEOUL 5318
Review Action: RELEASED, APPROVED
Review Authority: BoyleJA
Review Comment: n/a
Review Content Flags:
Review Date: 28 MAY 2004
Review Event:
Review Exemptions: n/a
Review History: RELEASED <28 MAY 2004 by ElyME>; APPROVED <22 SEP 2004 by BoyleJA>
Review Markings:

Margaret P. Grafeld
Declassified/Released
US Department of State
EO Systematic Review
04 MAY 2006

Review Media Identifier:
Review Referrals: n/a
Review Release Date: n/a
Review Release Event: n/a
Review Transfer Date:
Review Withdrawn Fields: n/a
Secure: OPEN
Status: NATIVE
Subject: TENTH SESSION MYONGDONG AFFAIR TRIAL
TAGS: PINT, PINS, SCUL, KS
To: STATE
Type: TE
Markings: Margaret P. Grafeld Declassified/Released US Department of State EO Systematic Review 04 MAY 2006